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The Honorable Steven Chu  
Secretary  
United States Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Ave., SW  
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RE: Endorsement Letter, DOE SGIG DE-FOA-00000058  
City of Naperville ARRA Grant Proposal for Smart Grid Initiative

Dear Secretary Chu,

As the Department of Energy (DOE) prepares to award grants as part of its Smart Grid Initiative program, I would like to call to your attention an application submitted by the City of Naperville, Illinois.

The City of Naperville is at the forefront with respect to their electric utility technology - with the major aspects of their smart grid already implemented. Converting the City of Naperville's metering to an advanced metering infrastructure will bring the best possible customer choice and service - resulting in the curtailment of wasted electric energy and a more efficient, secure, and reliable electric utility grid. If awarded, work on Naperville's metering infrastructure would commence immediately with 80% of project financing to be utilized by the end of 2011.

I support the Department's efforts to demonstrate electricity efficiency and transmission safety through a Smart Grid Infrastructure as defined through the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007. Investments made and managed at the local level, as in the case of the City of Naperville, will offer many benefits, such as information on PHEV charging and home energy reduction. That is why I strongly support Naperville's Smart Grid application and ask that you give it every consideration.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 202-225-3515.

Sincerely,

Honorable Judy Biggert